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# Boutiques buzzing before Eid

**HASAN JAHID TUSHER with ANISUR RAHMAN**

Sounds of stamping, rubbing and sewing machines are getting louder every day since the beginning of Ramadan as workers are spending the busiest time of the year in doing embroidery, blocks and batik prints. This is the ongoing scenario at Banalata Super Market, popularly known as the boutique market, housed on the third floor of the Government New Market. Preparation for block prints, hand paints and embroidery on the dresses got the momentum at this market since the Ramadan started on June 7. Every day the shop owners are getting more orders, especially from the wholesalers and online vendors of boutique dresses, centring the Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest festival of the Muslims, to be celebrated early next month. Orders for boutique and block prints have already doubled compared to those in the previous months. The shop owners believe more orders will come when the Eid is nearer. But all the workers and the owners have already been tremendously busy at work. Sales at the shopping centres and boutique houses in the city normally get the



Frantic work going on in the factory/shops of the Banalata Super Market, popularly known as the boutique market, on the third floor of the Government New Market in Dhaka. Block prints, hand paints and embroidery on dresses are being made as per customers' instructions. Ramadan is the busiest time of the year for these shops/factories. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS**

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
16	22	6-52	6-52
17	23	3-40	6-53
18	24	3-40	6-53

**PRAYER TIMING JUNE 22**

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
3-46	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17	
JAMAAT	3-51	1-15	5-15	7-02	8-45

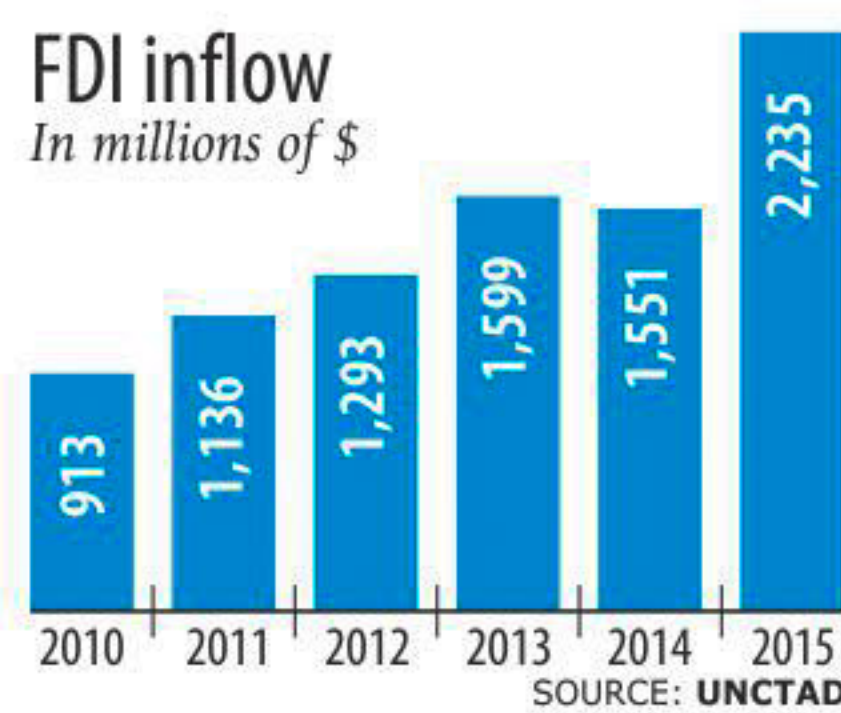
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## Record \$2.2b FDI came last year

**UNCTAD report shows manufacturing sector received the biggest chunk**

**MD FAZLUR RAHMAN**

Bangladesh received its highest ever foreign direct investment of \$2.2 billion last year with the manufacturing sector getting the bulk of the investment, according to the United Nations. The FDI receipt was 44.1 percent higher compared to that of 2014, said the World Investment Report 2016 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The report was published on its website yesterday. In South Asia, Bangladesh is ahead of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal but trails behind India, which was the 10th largest FDI recipient country in the world in 2015. India received \$44 billion. Inflows to Pakistan and Sri Lanka declined to \$865 million and \$681 million respectively. In Nepal, FDI inflows rose by 74 percent to \$51 million last year. The report said FDI in the textile and garments industries remains strong in Bangladesh, so does FDI in power generation. Reinvested earnings in the country continued to rise, exceeding the value of the equity component. Bangladesh, in fact, became the largest FDI host in the subgroup of exporters reinvesting their earnings, as flows into Cambodia fell slightly.



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## No terminal exams after fifth grade

**Govt concedes to guardians' demand**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

In the face educationists and guardians' demands, the government has decided to scrap the primary terminal examination for fifth graders from this year. "This year, there will be no terminal exam at the end of class-V. We will send a proposal soon to the cabinet for scrapping the test," Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman told The Daily Star yesterday. "I am certain that the cabinet will discard the exam," he said, adding that they need the cabinet's approval as the test was introduced following the cabinet's decision. From now on, there would be only one public examination after class-VIII, said the minister. "We would hold the exam at the end of class-VIII this year. We haven't decided the name of the exam yet." The cabinet will fix the name of the exam, he added. Last year, around 30 lakh students sat for the primary terminal test, which was

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## Hitler's last uniform goes for £2,15,000



**MAIL ONLINE**

Hitler's last uniform has sold for £215,000 among a host of other Nazi memorabilia flogged during the most controversial auction of the year. A buyer from Argentina purchased the garment along with over 600,000 euros worth of regalia, in the auction branded 'disgusting' by a leading Jewish group. The mystery buyer also purchased Hermann Goering's silken XXL underwear and nightshirt for £2,000, using the number '888' to outbid others on most of the items in Munich. The number evokes the neo-Nazi code '88',

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## Fugitive MP signs JS attendance book

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Though a fugitive, Awami League MP Amanur Rahman Khan Rana on Monday signed the attendance book in parliament to save his membership in the House, sources at the Jatiya Sangsad said. However, Chief Whip ASM Feroz and Whip Shahiduzzaman Sarkar told The Daily Star that they were unaware of any such development. "It is possible that he might enter the parliament lobby and sign the attendance book to save his membership in parliament. But I am not sure about this," said Shahiduzzaman. "Amanur might have come to the lobby but this is for sure that he did not attend the parliament sitting because I was inside the House throughout the

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## 2 suspects 'confess' machete attacks

**STAR REPORT**

An arrested Ansarullah Bangla Team "operative" has confessed to be one of the six youths who directly took part in the murder attempt on publisher Ahmedur Rashid Tutul in Lalmatia last year, sources said. Meanwhile, a Shibir leader "confessed" his involvement in the killing of Hindu priest Ananda Gopal Ganguly in Jhenidah, said police. ABT "operative" Sumon Hossain Patwari alias Shihab, 20, confessed his crimes before Metropolitan Magistrate Ahsan Habib yesterday, said court sources. Inspector Bahauddin of the Detective Branch (DB) of police produced Shihab before the magistrate. Shihab said their intention was to kill the publisher but they had to flee in fear of getting caught by

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A homeless mother ties her child's foot to herself on a footbridge in Baitul Mukarram Mosque area so that she does not lose the child whilst taking a nap. The child however could easily fall through the iron bars of the bridge. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## 'Brits don't quit'

**Cameron urges voters ahead of tomorrow's vote to stay in EU as polls show outcome too close to call**

**REUTERS, London**

British Prime Minister David Cameron made a dramatic last-minute appeal to voters yesterday to back staying in the European Union two days before a referendum that will shape the future of the West, as polls indicated the outcome was too close to call. Britons vote tomorrow on whether to quit the 28-nation bloc amid warnings from world leaders, investors and companies that a decision to leave would diminish the former imperial power's influence, unleash turmoil on markets and send shock waves around the Western world. In a rare televised address outside his Downing Street office, Cameron repeated his message that leaving the EU would jeopardise Britain's economy and its national security, with fewer jobs, fewer allies and higher prices. "Brits don't quit," he said, using the official backdrop to make a direct pitch to older voters considered more eurosceptic and more likely to vote. "It will just be you in that polling booth. Just you, taking a decision that will affect your future, your children's future, your grandchildren's future." The Conservative prime minister's intervention, which was billed as a significant statement but not publicised in advance, came as an opinion poll showed support for remaining in the EU shrinking. The Survation poll put the "In" camp just one percentage point ahead of the campaign for a so-called Brexit, well within the margin of error. Commentators said the hastily arranged appearance suggested Cameron, who promised the referendum in 2013 under pressure from lawmakers in his Conservative Party,

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